

# Re: OPENROWSET

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Hidden shared resource C\$ serves for administrative purposes that is why it is secured by default.

I am not sure that syntax \\server\file.xls is correct because you cannot share single file – only folder.

In case of \\server\wwwroot\$\file.xls there is a (hidden) share \\server\wwwroot\$ that has permissions set so SQL Server can access it.  
NB: permissions for shares are both filesystem permissions (in case of NTFS) and share permissions (most strict).

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I'm having problems with OPENROWSET with excel file.

I have excel file in network accessible folder. File opens in excel by entering each of the following in explorer address

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\\server\wwwroot$\file.xls
\\server\file.xls
\\server\c$\inetpub\wwwroot\file.xls
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However OPENROWSET only works for \\server\wwwroot\$\file.xls  
Otherwise error message returned =  
Server: Msg 7399, Level 16, State 1, Line 3  
OLE DB provider 'Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0' reported an error. The provider did not give any information about the error.  
OLE DB error trace [OLE/DB Provider 'Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0' IDBInitialize::Initialize returned 0x80004005: The provider did not give any information about the error.].

I think there might be a permissions problem somewhere : maybe domain, maybe

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sql service account. Question is: what context / account is used to execute openrowset for each of above?